

The Body & Blood of Christ

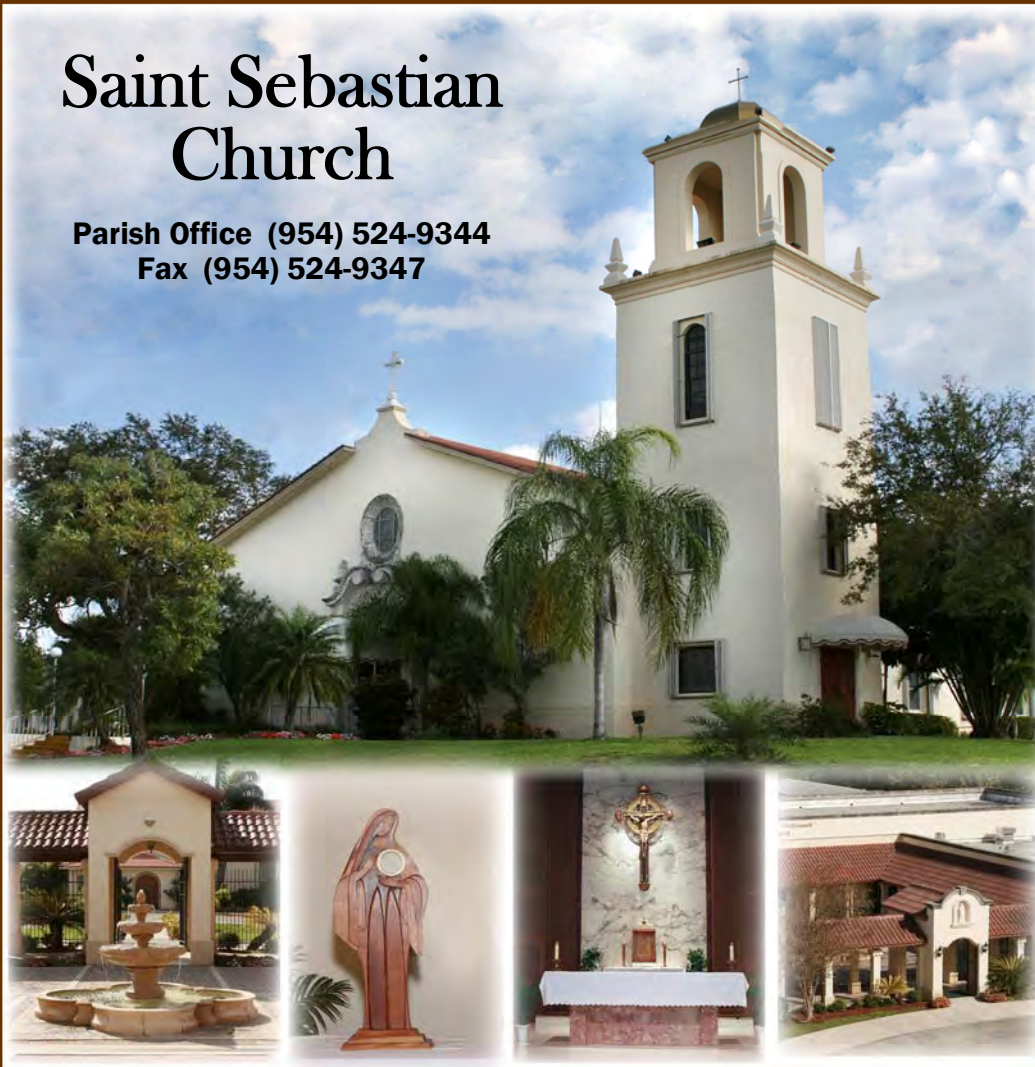
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Saint Sebastian Church

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MASSES

Saturday 5 pm
(Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 8:30 & 11 am

Weekdays 8:30 am
(Mon. through Fri.)

Holy Days
(Schedule varies)

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

is arranged by appointment. Please call the office.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Confession) 4:00-4:45 pm on Saturday, or by appointment.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK Please call the office as soon as anyone is seriously ill.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Please call the office at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date.

PARISH REGISTRATION We invite anyone wishing to register in our Parish to visit or call the Parish Office, or stop by the Welcome table when you come for Sunday Mass to complete a census card and learn more about our Parish Family.



Mission Statement

We, the family of St. Sebastian Parish, are a stewardship parish, sharing God's Gifts. We are the hands and feet of Christ on Earth. In union with the Universal Roman Catholic Church, we endeavor to become a prayerful and unified community deeply committed to Jesus Christ, and loving service in His name. We hope to be a welcoming, caring and friendly Parish Family, wherein the gifts and talents of all - young and old - are recognized, nurtured and used to build the Kingdom of God in the world.

Dear Family,

Today we celebrate *The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*, or **Corpus Christi** as we older folk used to say. In fact, I still do.

As I began this *Twitch*, I was searching for a good word or theme to put at the top of the *Twitch* as I usually do. Eucharist... Holy Communion... Breaking Bread... Body of Christ... After all these years, what do those words say to me?

The first word I thought of was "intimacy." I wondered if that was the best word to use. Then it came, "Commitment."

For me, 'commitment' says a lot. First and foremost, it is about the commitment that Jesus made – and makes - to me, to all of us. In effect He says: "I choose this remarkable way to stay as present to you as I can. I'll be your *food*."

Hopefully, because we know of His commitment to us, we become committed to the mission that He lays out for us. Fundamentally, "Do this in memory of me" means "give yourself wholly and entirely to me, to my mission. Work at making the commitment I make to you a reality in your life. If you do, you'll find me working through you to touch all the people you meet."

As if to confirm it, I then found the reflection of Steve Scholer, of the Creighton University community in their *Daily Reflections* for today.

"The *Words of Consecration* are the cornerstone around which every Mass is built. This was Jesus' commandment to the twelve assembled with him, and each time they echoed his words, they not only reaffirmed their belief that Jesus died and rose again for our sins, but they shared with all gathered around them, their commitment to their faith, their beliefs and their values." There was that word!

Scholar continued,

"Jesus wanted the Celebration of the Eucharist to be more than a ritual. He wanted it to have lasting

impact, to continually motivate us to lead more Christ-like lives in service to others; to inspire us to be more forgiving of the weaknesses and faults of others, and of our own faults and weaknesses."

MANY THANKS TO THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE FILLED 45 OF THE 80 SLOTS AVAILABLE FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ON FRIDAYS!!! We are over the halfway mark and I hope we'll be able to begin soon. It won't take too many more. As I have said, there is something very special about knowing there are people praying for your (my) well-being in front of the Lord in the Eucharist. Corpus Christi is a wonderful time to renew THAT commitment. Got thirty minutes???? Weekly, monthly, on days when the wind-blows from the west. (I guess that won't work since you don't know that ahead of time. But it doesn't matter because you can adjust the AC to your comfort level if you are the signed-up person for that particular slot. Pretty cool, no? Sorry... I couldn't resist.

Speaking of gathering, The Pastoral Council met last Tuesday night. One big topic was the **Picnic and Ice Cream Social planned for July 17th**. We'll have lots of burgers, dogs, and Krauser will be specially commissioned to do the Ice Cream run. A man of many talents. People know Frank around the country because he drives them to their hotels. after 5:00 Mass. Great ministry! Anyone for 8:30 or 11:00?

Also speaking of commitment, let me say a word about the "Bible Buddies." Mary Kennedy inspires the folk who meet on Thursdays after morning Mass at 9:15. At least that was what they used to do until COVID. Never let it be said that we do not have creativity. The Buddies started gathering online. When they could resume in person gathering, they decided COVID gave them a wonderful opportunity not only to gather the sunbirds, but they could also keep the snowbirds in the loop through their online contact. If you would like to join them, call Mary at (954) 290-1194.

With prayers for you, I'm yours in Jesus,



Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm	June 18 Living and Deceased of Our Parish
Sunday 8:30 am	June 19 † Dolores Hesse Fink, req. by The Fink Family † William J. McShane, req. by Rose Marie McShane
11:00 am	Father's Day Novena
Monday 8:30 am	June 20 Father's Day Novena
Tuesday 8:30 am	June 21 Father's Day Novena
Wednesday 8:30 am	June 22 Father's Day Novena
Thursday 8:30 am	June 23 Father's Day Novena
Friday 8:30 am	June 24 Father's Day Novena
Saturday 5:00 pm	June 25 Father's Day Novena
Sunday 8:30 am	June 19 Father's Day Novena
11:00 am	Living and Deceased of Our Parish

REMEMBER THE SICK

Nanchine McManus,
Mary Lou Mann, Suzanne Plum, Don

Loughran, Jr., Jim Cowgill, Jr., Peter Hanna, Sandy Rodrigues, Margaret Reitz, John Harris, Stephen Black, Jo Neumann, John E. Hurley, Jonathan Hughes, Kathleen Gerium, Mary Alice Zittle, Alvaro Arevalo, Michelline Toulouse, Dr. Laura Evatt, Kari Albertson, Diane & Alexander Garville, Paul Ristow, Craig & David Mitchell, Carol Houghton, Mary Connors, Ed Fetscher, Joan Morson, Margaret Donato, Mark & Ariana Gotley, Margaret Rose Goldman, Ted Petoniak

IN MEMORIUM

+ ALFRED CALABRESE, SR. +
June 12, 2022

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA

A Novena of Masses for your fathers - living and deceased - is being celebrated beginning on Father's Day and continuing through Monday, June 27th. If you would like to include your father in the Novena, please write his name on the card which you can find in the pews and place it in the basket in the sanctuary. The basket is placed on the altar during the Novena.

BIBLE SHARING

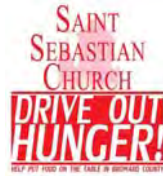
Come for coffee and scripture sharing each Thursday in the Parish Hall at 9:15 am. Everyone is invited. You may also join us on-line by dialing 848-777-1212. When prompted put in 1431434#. For more information, please call Mary Kennedy at 954-290-1194. We will be sharing from the Gospel of Luke.

Have a beautiful week!

SAVE THE DATE!

Weekend of June 26-27 - St. Vincent de Paul truck scheduled to be here.

Sunday, July 17 - Picnic (indoors!)/Ice Cream Social.



During May (4 Fridays), the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry at Blessed Sacrament Church served 601 clients representing 1,655 people. As you can see, the numbers continue to increase slightly. Fortunately, their food supply from government, local stores, and parishes has been quite good. We often get eggs in bulk from BJ's so *they can use clean empty egg cartons* (1 dozen size only). We thank you for your continued wonderful support. ***If you know of anyone in need, please let them know that The St. Vincent DePaul Society conducts a drive thru grocery distribution every Friday from 1:30-4 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1701 E Oakland Park Blvd*** (entrance to the parking lot is located on NE 33rd Street and will be closed at 3:45). First timers must provide proof of residency in Broward County.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND



Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds to carry out charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please plan to use the specially designated envelopes - either in your boxed set or one to be found in the pews next week - for your gift to this appeal. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK

The St. Vincent de Paul truck is scheduled to be in our parking lot next weekend for your donations of *gently used clothing and household items*. The truck is open for one half hour before and after each Mass. Donated items should be clean and in working order.

BLOODMOBILE

The OneBlood Bloodmobile will be here next Sunday, June 26, from 8am-1pm for your donation of *gently used blood!* Plan to take about half an hour to roll up your sleeve and save someone's life.

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PRAYER TO AVERT HURRICANES

🌴 Father, all the elements of nature obey your commands. Protect us and all your people during this season of storms and hurricanes. Calm our fears and help us prepare our hearts as well as our homes. 🌴
 🌴 Help us see you in all we may encounter, and help us to minister to each other in your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. 🌴

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A Prayer of Blessing for our World on the Feast of Corpus Christi

South

Lord, we pray for all those who work for us to produce food, especially the various migrant communities that come to south Florida. Bless the growers who employ them and let the economy find ways of treasuring first and foremost those who feed us.

Lord, we also ask you to bless those who are in prison and those who minister to them. We remember that Jesus came to preach freedom to the prisoners. We know it means freedom from the kinds of actions that separate them from their communities. May our ministry encourage the imprisoned to a change of life; the kind of change you create in us by giving us your body and blood.

East

God, you love our earth; from sunrise to sunset you fill the land and the seas with riches; the hills rejoice at your touch; the valleys shout for joy, they sing.

Open our eyes to this resplendent world that we may care for the earth as our companion in creation.

Protect the people of this earth from natural and man-made disasters that can befall us. Bless those who have experienced storms, fires and floods in the last year.

Help us see beyond our natural limitations to the horizon of eternal life that this sacrament of your Body and Blood promises.

North

O Lord, bless all the branches of our government and the people who serve us from our President to the local traffic court judge. Bless our police and fire responders. Let justice be the means by which your laws become reality.

Let our concern for all people, especially the poor, be the principle that forms the foundations of our society.

May our beloved United States be a beacon of light for the world and may we strive to always give more than we have been given, as indeed Lord, you give yourself totally in this sacrament of your love.

West

Finally, Lord, we look toward all our neighbors in Broward County. Bless the many who we pray will soon be able to come again, both those who worship and those who gather weekly in various groups. Bless the men and women who come through our seaport. Bless our many visitors. Bless all the people who come to these grounds seeking your face.

Bless our parish family. May hospitality be our trademark. May we help each other find you, through all the resumed ministries and activities you bless us with in abundance.

Keep us humble in our successes and penitent in our failures. Give us the wisdom to recognize both. May we always begin and end our praise and thanks for your goodness gathered around your Sacred Table.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

